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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Aramingo, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The property of St. Paul's congregation includes a large stone church building with a seating capacity of 200. The belfry is in good structural condition, although it needs repair. The men of the congregation take care of the regular maintenance work in the church building and in the adjoining parish house, and the buildings' good condition bears testimony to their skill. The rectory is on a lot adjoining the rest of the church property. It is a three-story stone residence which also is in generally good condition. As a whole, the property of the congregation is an example of good stewardship of material and finances, one which can be seen by the many people passing by on the elevated and on the busy street below.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

Aramingo is a section of Kinsington which is highly industrialized. Residences are interspersed among factories and commercial properties. Most of the housing is in the form of single-family units of row-housing and, contrary to what is reported in many areas, those single-family units are not being converted to apartments or to rooming houses in any great numbers.

Philadelphia has been divided into tracts by the United States Census Bureau and for the purposes of this Survey seven of those tracts have been arbitrarily designated as the parish area of St. Paul's Church. The tract in which the church property is located, 45-E, is the central section with the other six tracts being adjacent to that one. The area included stretches from Frankford Creek and Orthodox Avenue on the north to Westmoreland, Amber, and Aramingo Avenues on the

south, and from the junction of Orthodox Avenue and the Pennsylvania Railroad on the east to "G" Street on the west. One of the tracts extends still farther to the west to Whitaker Avenue. The following tables give information on population changes and characteristics of that parish area, according to United States Census data as of 1960. The first table shows a fairly homogeneous population, most of the tracts having approximately one-quarter of their population under the age of 15 and about 10% of the population aged 65 or more. Census Tracts 33-B and 33-C have fewer older adults while Census Tract 35-F has a higher proportion. The table also shows that in all but one census tract, the non-white population comprised less than 1% of the total. Census Tract 23-I has about 9% of its population reported as non-white.

Census Tract	Population 1950	Population 1960	% Change	% 14 & Under	% 65 & Over	% Non-White
33-B	7,906	8,165	3.3	25.8	8.2	0.2
33-C	4,653	8,593	84.7	26.9	6.5	0.1
33-H	NA	9,042		26.8	11.6	0.09
45-E	NA	1,368		26.6	10.2	0.07
45-G	NA	9,428		25.5	11.9	0.2
23-I	NA	4,903		26.7	11.1	9.1
23-F	4,841	4,051	-16.3	24.5	12.8	0.5
Total		45,550				1.1

The next table gives information on the education of adults aged 25 or more as of 1960. The median number of school years completed by those adults was about nine. Again, the tracts are shown as fairly similar, one to another, allowing for minor variations. That table also shows a considerable degree of stability among the residents in terms of the length of stay in their houses. In most of the tracts, at least 60% of the population had lived in the same house in 1960 as in 1955. Those

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proportions are higher than are reported in many other portions of the city.

Census Tract	Ed. of Adults 25 Yrs. of Age & Over % H.S.Grad.	% Coll. 1-3 Yrs.	% Coll.Grad.	Med. Ed.	Residence 1960 Same as 1955-%
33-B	19.2	3.1	2.4	9.4	61.2
33-C	22.3	2.5	1.6	9.7	65.7
33-H	15.5	2.4	1.1	8.9	72.2
45-E	12.9	2.9	7.7	8.9	61.0
45-G	12.7	2.5	2.0	8.8	67.2
23-I	10.1	1.4	1.1	8.6	56.9
23-F	10.2	1.8	1.3	8.6	64.2

The following table presents information gathered from a summary of the membership maps submitted by the churches of the diocese. It shows the strength of the Episcopal Church in the parish area and also shows the relative strength of St. Paul's Church. As the table is studied it should be kept in mind that the Episcopal Church throughout Philadelphia reaches people equal in number to 2.0% of the 1960 population.

Census Tract	Total Pop.	Total Epis.	% Of Pop. Epis.	Total Parish Memb.	% Epis. Memb.	% Parish Memb.
33-B	8,165	141	1.7	109	77.3	21.5
33-C	8,593	155	1.8	78	50.3	15.4
33-H	9,042	271	3.0	6	2.2	1.2
45-E	1,368	59	4.3	52	88.1	10.3
45-G	9,428	196	2.1	114	58.2	22.5
23-I	4,903	41	0.8	4	9.8	0.8
23-F	4,051	55	1.4	4	7.3	0.8
Total	45,550	918	2.0	367	40.0	72.5

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The Aramingo area can be seen to be just about average in terms of the Episcopal representation. St. Paul's Church reports only 40% of the resident Episcopalians but does find over 70% of its own membership in the parish area.

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THE CHURCH PROGRAM

The congregation of St. Paul's Church submitted an excellently filled out Church Self-Study Form, which is reproduced in the accompanying pages of this report. That form furnished a great deal of the information which the General Division of Research and Field Study has about the congregation, and assisted greatly in the completion of the present Study. The congregation is urged to give that Self-Study Form careful attention, using it as a starting point for long-range planning, if such a precedure has not already been adopted. Conclusions based upon the Self-Study Form will be found in the discussion and recommendations for St. Paul's Church.

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GENERAL DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND FIELD STUDY
Episcopal Church Center
815 Second Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10017

Date May 24, 1964

CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

I. IDENTIFICATION

Church St. Paul's Church, Aramingo

Street 3825 Kensington Ave.

City Philadelphia

County Philadelphia County

Diocese Pennsylvania

Parish or Mission Parish

State Pennsylvania

What geographic area does this church serve? Mainly areas of Philadelphia known as Juniata Park, and section of Kensington known as Harrowgate.

II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:

Downtown commercial uses X Industrial uses X Apartment dwellings ____

Rooming houses ____ Single-home dwellings X A college ____ Military uses ____ Other institutions ____

B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:
Church located on Kensington Ave., midway between two housing areas. Surrounded by industrial area, 1 block from commercial area: Supermarket, toy store, bowling alley, etc.

C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:
Factories changing ownership, tenants, older housing with changing population, increasing percentage of elderly. No rentals.

D. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

PUBLIC GRADE SCHOOLS	ADDRESS
Horne School	Castor & Frankford Aves.
Hopkinson School	Luzerne & "L" Streets

PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS	ADDRESS
Not within mile radius	

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL NURSERY SCHOOLS	ADDRESS

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS	ADDRESS
Holy Innocents Parish School	"L" & Hunting Park Aves.
St. Joachim Parish School	Penn & Church Streets
Mater Dolorosa Parish School	Paul & Ruan Streets
St. Joan of Arc Parish School	Frankford & Atlantic Sts.

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS	ADDRESS
Northeast Catholic High School for Boys	Torresdale & Hunting Park Ave.

JUNIOR COLLEGES AND COLLEGES	ADDRESS

E. The following churches are located within the church neighborhood:

NAME OF CHURCH AND DENOMINATION	ADDRESS
Missouri Synod Lutheran	"M" & Luzerne Sts.
Bethel Chapel,(Fundamentalist)	"K" & Lycoming Sts.
Holy Innocents, Roman Catholic	"L" & Hunting Park Ave.
Evangelical & United Brethren	Hunting Park & Castor Aves.
3rd Moravian Church	Kensington below Venango St.
Church of the Brethren	Helen & Venango Sts.
St. Joan of Arc, Roman Catholic	Frankford & Atlantic Sts.
16 more churches within 1 mile radius	
Nearest Episcopal Churches:	
St. Mark's, Frankford, 1 mile north	
Grace Church & Incarnation, 1 mile,S.E.	
St. Mary of Annunciation, 1 mile S.	
St. John's Free Church, 1¼ mile S.	
St. Nathaniel's Church, 1¼ mile S.W.	

III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

Please write out a short history of this congregation. How was the work started? Give the important dates and events.

St. Paul's Church, Aramingo, was founded in 1870 as a Summer Sunday School out of St. Mark's Frankford. Was built for farm families living between the city and Frankford. The first building was a former brick yard office, converted. The Church was built in 1881, the first rector called in 1882. (The first vicar was appointed in 1874, the Rev. W. S. Heaton). The first Rector was Rev. Henry E. Cooke. He stayed 3 years. He was followed in swift succession by Rev. Dwight L. Bonner, Rev. Henry A. F. Hoyt, Rev. Williston B. French and Rev. William H. Burr.

The guiding light of the new parish during its formative years was Rev. Edwin J. Humes, then rector of Christ Church, Eddington. He often supplied at St. Paul's betweenrectors. The parish hall was built in 1891. In 1895 Mrs. Sarah W. Gillilan gave the Rectory in memory of her son, William Hopkinson. In September of that year, the Rev. Edwin J. Humes became rector, and remained here until his retirement in 1925. He was succeeded by the Rev. Percy G. Hall, who served from 1925 to 1932. In 1928 he enlarged the Parish Hall to include a stage, and gymnasium. Mrs. Hall started the women's guild and one of their projects was a Wednesday lucheon for the factory people of the neighborhood, as a means of paying the coal bill. These Wednesday luncheons are still being carried out by the Guild from October to May. He was followed by Rev. William Sharp, 1932-40. During the depression years, some of the men worked improving the basement of parish house and church, each receiving $1.00 per week. They were unemployed at the time.
The Rev. John R. Crockett was Rector from 1940-43. 1944-5 Rev. William Thompson, 1945-50 Rev. Louis E. Fifer, III, 1950-57 Rev. Francis F. E. Blake, and 1957 to present. Rev. R. Sherwood Van Atta.

St. Paul's seems to have been about the same size throughout its history, about 500 baptized people. Today 51% of the people live within 1/2 mile radius, and 68% within the mile radius.

The generation of boys who played in the Basketball league sponsored by the Episcopal Churches of the area before the Salvation Army, schools and YMCA took over this sport, who are still living in the area, know St. Paul's from their youth, many of them from other church affiliations.

IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation, reporting the use of each parcel.

One property continuous from fence of Factory at corner of Kensington & Castor Aves., going back on diagonal parallel to former Butler St., approx. 180 ft. frontage on Kensington Ave., and approx. 90 ft. deep, running at right angle to street on N.E. end. The lot on which the rectory stands was made parallel to Kensington Ave., and a 15 ft. section of Butler St. added at other end, by a deed from Windsor Mills Co. made in 1930's.

2. Type of church building: Frame ___ Brick ___ Stone x Other _____ (type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed, with estimated cost:

Church seats 200, including 24 in choir. All seats free. Chapel seats 12. Building is in good repair. Belfry needs repairs, estimated at between 1,000 and 5,000. All exterior trim to be repainted this summer.
Basement of church contains chapel, seating 12, "Colonial Room" for nursery and various meetings, a business office containing mimeograph, addressograph, typewriter, storage.

Replacement Value $ 80,227. Amount of insurance carried $ 80% co-insurance.

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached x Separated _____;

In basement of the church _____; Frame _____ Brick _____

Stone x Other _____ (type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

Parish Hall seating capacity 250, with stage, in good condition, lavatories upstairs and in basement. Basement contains well equipped kitchen with dish washing machine, dining room which seats 90 to 100, small gymnasium.

Replacement value $ 91,000. Amount of insurance carried $ 80% co-insurance.

4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached ___x___ Separated _____;

Frame _____ Brick _____ Stone ___x___ Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building, and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

3 story, 12 room house, one bath. Building is in fairly good condition. A second bath or lavatory would be helpful. About $ 500.

Garage needed. Car port to be installed beside rectory, about $ 500. Is used for residence of clergyman and family.

Is it used as a clergy residence? _____ If not, what use is made of the building?

Replacement value: $ 32,500. Insurance carried: $ 80% co-insurance.

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving (a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition; (d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value; (f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

None

B. Membership (secure from parish records):

1. Number of church families: Total number 138

Number of individuals not in families 93

2. Baptized membership — Communicants — Church School

Baptized membership 1950	Baptized membership 1960	Baptized membership Now	Communicants 1950	Communicants 1960	Communicants Now	Church School 1950	Church School 1960	Church School Now
443	547	505	326	269	274	136	113	91

	5 yrs. ago	4 yrs. ago	3 yrs. ago	2 yrs. ago	Last year
3. Number of baptized members who were removed from the parish list	0?	0?	87?	84?	20?
Number of baptized members who were added to the parish list	36?	106?	11?	11?	114?

4. Communicants added:					
By confirmation from Episcopal families	9	12	3	17	10
By confirmation from other Churches	3	15	6	3	0
By reception from other Churches	1	1	1	1	0
By baptism and confirmation from no church	0	0	0	0	0
Total	13	28	10	21	10

5. Attendance:

Number of communicants who attended regularly last year	174
Number of communicants who attended occasionally	100
Number who did not attend last year, but lived in the community	95
Number of communicants who did not live in the community, but were on the parish records, not transferred	3

6. How many persons attended the last annual business meeting? 54

V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)* LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Communion	8:00 AM	22	27	35
Family Service,(HC 4th S)	9:15 AM	68	89	101
Service with Sermon (HC 1st & 3rd)	11:00 AM	45	59	76

*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE* LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
H.C.	Wednesday in Lent 7	9	10	19
	9	5	14	31

*Use figures from the Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

None

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

Lenten Pilgrimage Series last three years, 5 Kensington Episcopal Churches make visitation Friday nights in Lent: Format: Evening Prayer with guest preacher. Av. from St. Paul's 30. Average total 125.

E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

No changes in last year.

Weekly mid-week H.C. discontinued after 1958 for lack of congregation.

Family Service begun 1958 spring, continued ever since.

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? no, except for prayer for flower memorial and candle memorial recipients.
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? no
3. Is baby care provided during any service? no, but Nursery children provided for during Family Service.

VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. Church School

1. Registration and attendance

a. Teachers and staff 10

b. Students 69 + 12

Total 91

c. Lowest total classroom attendance during the past year 45

d. Highest total classroom attendance during the past year (except for Christmas and Easter) 81

e. Are absentee cards used? yes

f. How many months of the year is the church school in operation? 10

g. If teachers call on students in case of absence, or for other reasons, please give details. Teachers do not visit.

2. Worship schedule

CLASS OR DEPARTMENT	DAY	HOUR	DURATION	LEADER
Nusery Dept.	Sunday	9:15	15 minutes	Nursery Teacher
All Grades	Sunday	9:15	45 minutes	Church Rector, Leader
All Grades	Sunday	10:40	5 minutes	C.S. Supt.closing

3. Instruction schedule

CLASS	REGISTRATION	AGE	SEX	DAY	HOUR	DURATION	COURSE MATERIAL
Pre-School		3-5	m&f	Sun.	9:15	1½ hrs.	selected
Primary 1st & 2nd		6-7	m&f	Sun.	9:50	50 min.	Episc. Fellowship Series
3rd & 4th		8-9	m&f	"	"	"	" "
5th & 6th		10-11	m&F	"	"	"	" "
7th & 8th		12-13	m&f	"	"	"	" "
High School		14-18	m&f	"	"	"	Holy Bible
Adult		18-up	m&f	"	"	"	New Testament

4. List the teaching aids used, including audio-visual material.

Flannelgraph in lower grades occasionally

5. Describe the program for pre-school children.

Stories, phonograph, piano with songs, their own service in chapel adjoining nursery room, pretzels or cookies.

6. Data on the teaching staff

a. How are teachers recruited? From parents of children.

b. Describe the way in which teachers are trained, giving the number of sessions, the leaders, etc. Have not had training class for teachers for several years.

c. How are teachers assisted in the performance of their duties?

Supt. is available for help, parish library for research, Rector available for resource.

d. Summary of teachers' backgrounds

AGE	Number	EDUCATION	Number	YEARS TEACHING	Number
19 years or less	1	Grade school		one	3
20 to 29	3	Junior high		two	
30 to 39	2	Senior high	6	three	1
40 to 49	3	1 to 3 years College	1	four	2
50 years or more		College grad.	2	five	2
		Graduate study		6 to 10	1
Male	5			11 to 20	
Female	4	K-12		20 and over	

7. What problems does the church school have? _____
Attendance is irregular among large percentage of
pupils and their parents. Need to have something they
do all as a group, more parental concern.

B. Vacation Church School None

1. When is it held? _____

2. For how long each day? _____

3. What type of courses are taught? _____

_____

4. How many children attend, usually? _____

5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's church school? _____

6. How many teachers are there? _____

C. Released Time Program None in City.

1. When are classes held? _____

2. What type of courses are taught? _____

_____

3. How many of this congregation's children attend? _____

4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation?

_____

_____

5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to the Christian education program of this congregation?

_____

_____

D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report. None

E. Confirmation Instruction

1. Children

a. What is the usual age of confirmation? 10-12 b. How many instruction sessions are held? 12 c. How long is each session? 1 hour d. Who is the instructor? Rector e. What material is used? Offices of Instruction in Prayer Book

f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material to the regular church school curriculum? _____

2. Adults

a. How many sessions are held? 10-12 b. How long is each session? 1 hour c. Who is the instructor? Rector d. What material is used? Office of Instruction in Prayer Book.

F. Adult Education

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation, including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

NAME OF GROUP	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	LENGTH OF MEETINGS	INSTRUCTOR
Adult Class	5 to 14	40 Weeks	50 Min.	Rector

2. What Retreats, missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants.

Laymen's Quiet Morning held in 1963 at St. Paul;s,

18 churches participating. 10 from St. Paul's.

Laymen's G. Wash. Corp. Communion 9 from St. Paul's.

3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.

None

G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?

To Spark interest for it among the adults. Competition for their time is keen; though they are not involved in educational things.

VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women

1. Give the total number of adult women in the congregation. 142

2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. two

3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 50

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. 70

2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. one

3. Give the total membership of all these organizations. 24

C. For Men and Women

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. two

2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations 36

D. For Girls in:	grade school	junior high	high school
1. Total number of girls	19	10	13
2. Number of organizations	none	one	one
3. Total active membership		none	none

E. For Boys in:	grade school	junior high	high school
1. Total number of boys	15	17	10
2. Number of organizations	none	one	one
3. Total active membership	0	3	4

F. For Youth in:	grade school	junior high	high school
1. Number of organizations	none	one	one
2. Total active membership		2	8

N.B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Servers Guild

Total active members 10 Average attendance at meetings 5

Number of meetings each month one Day and time of meetings 3rd Mon. 7:00 PM

B. Why does this organization exist?

To assist the clergy at all Services on Sundays, and where possible on week days.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? 10, 11 to 21.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Conducted by priest. Training of new members by older members and priest.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Have an outing once a year. Assist the Men as bus boys at Men's Club dinners twice a year.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

A work of Service to the Church, problems - feeling of togetherness, of devotion to work they are doing.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: R. S. Van Atta Title: Rector

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Women's Guild

Total active members 35 Average attendance at meetings 32

Number of meetings each month one Day and time of meetings 3rd Thurs. 8:15 PM

B. Why does this organization exist?

Women of parish serving in various ways, including raising of funds for parish. A social organization.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?
Are attracting some of the younger housewives as well as the retired and elder women of the parish.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Prayer by the rector to open meetings, Corp. Communion and breakfast yearly, - educational program not considered.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Serving Wed. Luncheon to public, mostly factory workers, 8 months of year, card parties, and other small fund raising activities. Trips to points of interest.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Organizing the Wed. Lucheons.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: R. S. Van Atta Title: Rector

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name St. Paul's Men's Club

Total active members 24 Average attendance at meetings 18

Number of meetings each month one Day and time of meetings 3rd Mon. 8:00 PM

B. Why does this organization exist?

A social organization of the men of the parish, also with aim of raising some funds for the parish.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

At present, mostly of older men and their sons.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Prayer by rector to open meeting. No educational program. Have had program of sports movies from time to time.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

(Card Playing) Men's club dinner for the public served twice a year,(have achieved some local fame for their generous family style servings) Corporate Communion on 1st. Sunday Advent., summer picnic.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Attracting newer members, younger men

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: R. S. Van Atta Title: Rector

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Altar Guild

Total active members 12 Average attendance at meetings 8

Number of meetings each month twice yr. Day and time of meetings 4th Mon. Feb. & Oct. 8:00 PM

B. Why does this organization exist?

To care for the Altar and sanctuary cleaning and polishing the brasses and holy vessels, and providing the flowers, and care for linens and hangings.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Women of the church, some of the older women being most faithful members.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Older women train new members, using Altar Guild Handbook.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Sale of calendars and other item to augment funds.

No activities other than guild work.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Need for new members.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: R. S. Van Atta Title: Rector

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Couples Club

Total active members 20 Average attendance at meetings 18

Number of meetings each month once Day and time of meetings First Friday night of month.

B. Why does this organization exist?

Originally to serve as a social fun organization of couples, with the idea of introducing newer couples of the parish.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Largely the couples in the men's club and Women's Guild, with few newer members.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

None

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Not a money raising club, but they do go on an outing once a year.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

To welcome and encourage newer couples into the active fellowship. problems - how this may be done effectively.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: R. S. Van Atta Title: Rector

IX. CLERGY OR LAY READERS IN CHARGE SINCE 1930

NAME	APPROX. AGE AT START OF MINISTRY HERE	PERIOD OF TENURE	MOVED TO:
Rev. Percy G. Hall	32	7 yrs.	St. Martin's, Oak Lane, Phila., Pa.
Rev. William Sharp	33	8 yrs.	St.Philip's,Garrison,N.Y.
Rev. John Crockett	33	3 yrs.	Christ, Palmyra, N.J.
Rev. William Thompson	42	1½ yrs.	Vicar, Holy Comf. Columbia, So. Carolina
Rev. Louis E. Fifer,III	36	5 yrs.	All Hallowns, Wyncote, Pa.
Rev. Francis F. E. Blake	49	7 yrs.	St. John, Essington, Pa.
Rev. R. Sherwood Van Atta	38	7 yrs. +	Present Incumbent

A. Does the present minister live in the neighborhood? yes.

Does he give full time to this church? yes If not, what other church(es) does he serve, or what other work does he do?

Is Dean of North Philadelphia Convocation.

B. How many people from this parish have gone into full time work for the church within the past ten years, or are now studying for such work? None
Please give details.

C. How many licensed lay readers serve the congregation now? none

Do any lay readers from this congregation serve other congregations? no

If so, which congregations?

X. FINANCE

A. Income (Last Full Year): (1) Pledges $ 6,865.65 (2) Plate offerings $ 257.61 (3) Parish or mission organizations $ 1925.00 (4) Endowments $ 2,901.10 (5) Special fund drives $ 912.17 (6) Other (please specify) $ C.School $1,580.35 Christmas & Easter, $4,204.94, Repair & Improve. $646.83, Misc. $92.80, Card Party $405.54, Outside Parish $298.90 specials.

B. Disbursements	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	Last Full Year
Total current expenses	4,953.50	5,317.82	6,811.83	9,906.39	11,239.95	17,208.81
Diocesan Assessment	283.26	177.49	345.58	302.12	335.00	382.92
Missionary Disbursements	450.00	2,147.45	1,577.37	1,759.79	1,608.10	1,772.16
Special parish expense	1,285.52	4,603.72	3,215.81	1,760.38	2,617.01	1,767.58
Clergy salary or salaries: from congregation a)	2,200.00	2,322.43	1,614.74	3,675.04	4,500.00	4,700.00
b)			700.00		106.29	143.68
from other sources a)						
b)						

Rental value of the rectory $ 1,200.00 Per Year

Is the church in debt? No Amount of debt $ _____ Method of repayment _____

Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? no

If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? _____ Describe the training of the canvassers. _____

8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used?

Some stewardship through rector's parish letter, and Sunday bulletins.

9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-support? Is self supporting parish.

10. Additional comments or information on finances:

None

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? yes

2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest x Congregation ___ Diocese ___

3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting depreciation? $ 450 4. By whom is the operating expense paid? By Priest

5. How much does the local congregation pay? Nothing

6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business 500 Miles

XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:*

TYPE OF CALL	NUMBER OF CALLS PER WEEK LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
1. Family or routine parish	10	20	30
2. Sick or emergency	2	5	8
3. Calls for other purposes	5	10	15

4. Time set aside for pastoral calling:
5 afternoons per week; sometimes only 4. One evening when possible.

5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling? ~~5 afternoons per week, sometimes only 4. One evening when possible.~~

Emergency, areas of need and routine.

6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers?

7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week) No set time, maybe several hrs. per week, or none.

* Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.

B. Lay calling:

1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization. None. One elderly called visits in his neighborhood, when asked.

2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the number of participants and the time spent.
NOne at present.

3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time. _____

None at present

4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?

Mostly by their own acceptance of us.

5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.

None to my knowledge.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. What use is made of the press? Bulletin gets printed in local weekly paper, Juniata Times. Rare articles sent to Diocesan Paper, commercial ads, Christmas, Easter.

B. What use is made of radio and/or television? None of television, occasional spot ads on radio for money raising activities-dinners, night of games.

C. What use is made of the U.S. Mail? Rector's 5 parish letters a year, mailing list of visitors to Night of Games.

D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc. _____

Sunday Bulletin in church Sundays, No parish newsletter at present.

E. How many church road signs are there? two, one in front of church, one on P.H. gable for Elevated R.R. riders who pass church daily.

XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

A. Is this congregation community-minded? No

B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs.

Rector working with Aramingo Civic Association to remove a smoke nuisance. There is no immediate community in this area of the city.

C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs.

~~None permitted at present.~~

D. Describe the general parish program for the community (including such church-sponsored programs as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.):

E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:

None permitted at present.

F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:

Only participation was women in World Day of Prayer. this year not enough interest to continue. Rector visits other churches in Ministerial Assn. and to welcome new ministers. Rector participates in Memorial Day Exercises local Legion Post.

XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? Rector of parish is Dean of N. Philadelphia Convocation of diocese.

B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? None

C. What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation? None Recently

D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan programs: In Convention as delegates only.

E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan programs: Women not interested in Diocesan Women's Work program, but ought to be.

F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs: Work as dean takes several days per month from parish program. Keeps rector posted on diocesan affairs.

G. Does this congregation pay its full Missionary Share or Quota? no

H. What percent of the congregation's budget does for missionary work? 10%

XV. STAFF

A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, function, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

1. Rector $4,700.00 full time

2. Organist 1,350.00 part time organist and choir director.

3. Sexton 1,300.00 part time, cleaning and painting and light maintenance.

B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

Men donating work to repair simplethings, some saving over paid work.

Church School Superintendent - also required to teach on occasion. Maintaining C.S. Teachers planning work of Sunday School.

XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: Parish Visitor
   Part-time secretary to Rector
   Publicity Man.
2. Buildings: Building & Grounds committee, to organize and do work.
3. Equipment: Some needs here, will get it as needed.

B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

By evangelism within the parish community to search out and find new members, and to bring them into the fellowship.

C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

No new growth in area. Predominantly Roman Catholic, working class, low income, retired people.

D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

Renewed awareness among congregation of the vital need of the Faith, and the outreach into the area.

E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

Need here is with leadership among the lay people.

F. What would be the annual operating budget to maintain the program?

Don't see need for additional paid personnel.

G. What steps are now being taken locally to meet these needs and opportunities?

None

H. What steps are now being taken by the diocese or district, or might be taken, to assist in meeting these needs and opportunities?

None

I. Further data or comment on the general needs and problems of this congregation:

None

The data in this report were furnished by the following committee:

NAME	OCCUPATION	NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARISH
Rev. R. S. Van Atta	Clergyman	7
Earl J. Ewing	Salesman	30

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

St. Paul's Church submitted a membership map which showed the places of residence, by census tract, of 505 individuals, a figure which coincides with the baptized membership as reported in the Diocesan Journal and in the Church Self-Study Form. It is somewhat unusual to find that the mapped membership agrees exactly with the membership reported to the diocese.

It is interesting to note that the membership map carries a statement to the effect that 368 baptized persons live within one mile of the church building. The seven census tracts which were set aside as the parish area contained, by coincidence, 367 members, 72.5% of the total. It is certainly true that most of St. Paul's members live fairly close to the church buildings but it should also be noted that there is an elongated grouping of the members to the north along either side of Frankford Avenue. There are also members to be found in New Jersey, in Bucks County, and in Montgomery County, as well as to the northwest of Kensington and in central and south Philadelphia. The attention of the congregation is directed to the tracts in the neighborhood of the congregation in which there are no parishioners, tract 45-D not being among those, since it has a population of only 354 persons. The members should endeavor to find reasons for the sparse representation or the absence of representation in the neighboring tracts. Some of the residents may be associated with the work of other Episcopal congregations, but on the other hand, the answer may be some unidentified barrier which keeps people away from St. Paul's Church. The suggestion is not made as a negative criticism, but rather as indicating an area of responsibility.

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

PARISH PHILADELPHIA ST PAULS

CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
B 58C	1	2
BUC CO UN	2	4
CHELTN UN	1	2
1B	3	6
9B	1	2
23B	6	12
23D	3	6
23F	4	8
23E	4	8
23G	3	6
23I	4	8
23K	6	12
25A	6	12
31A	3	6
33B	109	215
33C	78	154
33D	1	2
33H	6	12
33I	4	8
35E	3	6
35F	1	2
35G	2	4
41G	2	4
41H	9	18
41I	4	8
41J	21	41
41K	10	20
41M	2	4
41P	4	8
42A	2	4
42B	1	2
42G	3	6
42H	3	6
X 45E	52	103
45G	114	225
50B	1	2
55A	6	12
55B	5	10
55D	1	2
56B	2	4
57C	1	2
58B	1	2
58I	2	4
58J	4	8
OUT STATE	4	8
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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

The membership data for St. Paul's Church suggests that after a period of decreasing membership, perhaps partly due to a gradual clearing of the books, as well as by actual loss in members, the congregation has begun to gain strength. It is hoped that such is the case, and that St. Paul's Church will continue to grow in influence.

From 1961 through 1963, the ratios of baptisms and confirmations to the communicant strength have been fairly high, being 4.4% for baptisms, and 5.2% for confirmations, as compared with the ratios for the churches in Kensington as a whole, 4.4% for baptisms and 4.5% for confirmations, the churches in the City of Philadelphia, 3.7% for baptisms, and 3.1% for confirmations, and the churches throughout the diocese, 3.9% for baptisms and 4.1% for confirmations.

One indication of the financial support given by the members of a congregation may be found in the expenditures per communicant. From 1961 through 1963, St. Paul's Church had an average annual expenditure per communicant of $62.57. The Kensington average was $56.22, the city average was $78.57, and the diocesan average was $73.71. During that same period of time, St. Paul's Church set aside 13.2% of its total reported expenditures for work outside of the parish. The ratios for the churches of Kensington was 10.0%, the city ratio was 12.2%, and the diocesan ratio, the only one to exceed St. Paul's, was 14.9%.

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VITAL STATISTICS

PARISH ST. PAUL TOWN ARAMINGO

COUNTY PHILADELPHIA DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	420	618	443	589	547	471	398	505
Communicants	420	365	326	415	269	259	260	274
Church School	NR	121	136	125	123	102	88	91
Baptisms	15	4	—	24	8	11	11	13
Percentage of Communicants	3.6	1.1	—	5.8	3.0	4.2	4.2	4.7
Confirmations	31	2	—	30	28	10	21	10
Percentage of Communicants	7.4	0.5	—	7.2	10.4	3.9	8.1	3.6
Parochial Expenditures 1	5,131	5,495	7,157	10,839	12,919	13,118	11.631	12.585
Special Par. Expenditures 2	2,020	12,681	3,552	6,950	2,135	2,685	1269	1767
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	531	2,250	1,858	1,864	2,302	2,141	2213	2209
Total Reported Expenditures	7,682	20,426	12,567	19,653	17,356	17,944	15,113	16,561
Expenditures per Communicant	18.29	55.96	38.55	47.36	64.52	69.28	58.13	60.44
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	1.26	6.16	5.70	4.49	8.56	8.27	8.51	8.06

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1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.

2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.

3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

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DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

The Episcopal Census for St. Paul's Church gives information on only 367 respondents, 41 of whom are not members of the Episcopal Church. It is regretted that the number of respondents is not a large enough proportion of the total membership for the results to be statistically valid. If the congregation wishes to take a more complete census of itself, the General Division of Research and Field Study will process the results as time is available.

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DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Aramingo, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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St. Paul's Church is a strong congregation in many ways. It is serving its neighborhood well under good ordained leadership, there has been a reversal of the trend of loss of membership, there is a consciousness of the importance of being a welcoming congregation, and the property has been well maintained, much of the work being done by the men of the parish.

The congregation is not so strong, however, that it does not need to build continually on its present strengths and to overcome many of the weaker points. It is urged that the existing adult class be enlarged to include a great many more adults, in formal sessions as well as through organizations and in other ways. An increased awareness of the responsibilities of the Church, and in particular the responsibilities of St. Paul's, will assist the members of the congregation in carrying out their various portions of the work of the Church. Visiting on behalf of the congregation, for instance, is work that might well be undertaken by devoted and well trained individuals. The Church Self-Study Form suggests that a Parish Visitor might be added to the staff. There is no doubt that there are many people within the parish membership as well as outside of it, who should be kept in touch with the church and the community. Regular, but informal, visits by a fellow parishioner, however, might even be more beneficial than visits by a staff member. Of course, the visitors should be well trained. One excellent pamphlet, "Volunteer Visiting to the Elderly" may be

obtained through the Diocese of Western New York at a price of 5¢ per copy. It may be that increased participation by the laity will fill the need for a Parish Visitor.

The Self-Study Form reflects a fairly common situation in the Church: only a few members of the congregation are taking an active share in the leadership of the parish. There are various reasons for that situation, among them the pressure of other work, the hesitancy about assuming responsibility, and in a few instances, the unwillingness of people to share their pet burdens. The first reason concerns priorities and must, of course, be decided by the individual, although as the individual appreciates more the importance of church work to himself and to others, he is more ready to place that work higher on his list of things to be done. The second difficulty might be dealt with through training in leadership, available through diocesan sources. Such training would build upon the knowledge of the church and its teachings which the members already have. The third difficulty might be approached through a system of rationing responsibility so that no one person is allowed to overload himself with tasks.

The congregation should take a careful look at the attendance figures, the Self-Study Report indicating that only 35% of the members are regular in church attendance. The most frequently reported level of attendance throughout the country is between 45 and 50%, not an especially commendable figure but substantially higher than a level of 35%. It may be that the reporting is not accurate, but if it is accurate there should be a great concern amongst the members over the reasons for the fairly poor attendance in what is a "bounden duty". Other figures which should be examined are those concerning the finances of the congregation. The parish has no debt, the financial

support appears to be improving, the proportion of money set aside for work outside the parish is low but adequate, and the expenditures per communicant per year compare favorably with those of other congregations in the area. The reported pledges account for only 35% of the annual income, however, and the pledge per communicant is approximately $25.00 a year. Both of these figures suggest that a substantial amount of fund-raising must occupy the time of many of the organizations. It also suggests that the congregation has little understanding of financial support as one of the aspects of praise and prayer. It is urged that consideration be given to an annual canvass of resources: finances, talents, and time. It should also be noted that the rector subsidizes the parish at least to the amount of $480.00, which is a modest statement of his travel expenses on behalf of the congregation.

Many members of St. Paul's Church are working hard and the congregation as a whole has been gaining strength during recent years. Continual adjustments are necessary but it is hoped that St. Paul's Church, Aramingo, will continue to be a faithful witness and a servant to the community, in spite of changes.